

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsuyoshi KANEKO

Group Art Unit: 2874

Application No.: 10/761,368

Filed: January 22, 2004

Docket No.: 118056

For: LENS-INTEGRATED OPTICAL FIBER AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF,
OPTICAL MODULE, AND OPTICAL TRANSMISSION APPARATUS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

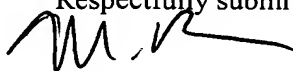
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection, Notice of Allowance or other action that closes prosecution (e.g., Quayle Action).
 - ☒ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1).
- ☒ 2. The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. A partial English-language translation of the foreign examination result is attached showing the relevance of reference 4.
- ☒ 3. English language Abstracts of non-English language references 1-3 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 1.

Respectfully submitted,



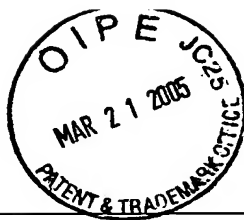
James A. Oliff
Registration No. 27,075

Michael Britton
Registration No. 47,260

JAO:MB/kzb
Date: March 21, 2005

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC
P.O. Box 19928
Alexandria, Virginia 22320
Telephone: (703) 836-6400

<p>DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USE AUTHORIZATION Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461</p>

Sheet 1 of 1

Form PTO-1449 (REV. 8-83)		US Dept. of Commerce PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY DOCKET NO. 118056		APPLICATION NO. 10/761,368	
				APPLICANT(S) Tsuyoshi KANEKO			
				FILING DATE January 22, 2004		GROUP 2874	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Use several sheets if necessary)							
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	
	1	JP-A-9-197196 (w/English abstract & JPO machine translation)	07/31/1997	Japan			
	2	JP-A-60-156023 (w/English abstract)	08/16/1985	Japan			
	3	JP-A-59-192219 (w/English abstract)	10/31/1984	Japan			
	4	JP-U-59-161116	10/29/1984	Japan			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
EXAMINER					DATE CONSIDERED		
Examiner: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with M.P.E.P. 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.							

Date: May 21, 2005